

April 18, 1978

Memo to File:

Re: Union Carbide Corp.  
Wilson - Silverbell Mines  
San Juan County  
ACT/037/027

This operation was inspected on April 12, 1978 by Mike Thompson and Jim Smith of the Division and Kent Dahlquist and Ron Evans of Union Carbide.

Each area of the operation has a hoist house with associated waste dumps and ore stockpiles. The Silverbell site has three (3) drainage ponds and the Wilson site has two (2) ponds. Letters from the surface owners stating that they desire the ponds be left after mining ceases has been requested. More ponds may be added in the future.

The area is farmland that has been cleared of pinyon-juniper vegetation.

The operation looks good with no major problems in the Mining and Reclamation Plan. However, the revegetation seed mixture should be made more diverse by adding two (2) pounds of yellow sweetclover per acre and one (1) pound of Indian ricegrass per acre.

When letters are received regarding the final status of the drainage ponds, tentative approval can be granted.

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